

July 31, 2006
Work Session

Minutes

Members present

Brady Wooten- Chairman
Allen Sneed- Vice- Chairman
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present

Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board
Ron Niland- Temporary Interim Manager

Chairman Wooten called the recessed meeting back to order.

Ron Niland suggested the Board go in closed session to discuss their choices for an interim manager and to discuss terms and conditions.

Chairman Wooten discussed the BFI contract and suggested setting a work session to decide on how to address the issue. He informed the Board that even though \$495,000 was budgeted the cost could now be closer to \$570,000. Chairman Wooten stated there are three years left on the contract.

Mr. Niland discussed tipping fees and budget issues.

Commissioner Swaim asked if BFI wanted out of the contract.

Chairman Wooten stated yes because it is costing BFI as well as the county; lots of overhead and lots of expense.

Mr. Niland stated that BFI is willing to work with the county; they want it to be beneficial for both; a win win solution. He suggested getting the committee started on how to best address this issue.

Chairman Wooten stated we are not walking away from the contract. BFI is willing to meet with the Board. Chairman Wooten suggested meeting with BFI after Monday's regular meeting. He also suggested each Board member select a person to serve on the committee.

Mr. Niland suggested the county look at how they are charging, the benefits being offered and do we want to look at long-term or short-term, also the efficiency of the out stations. BFI is not pushing the issue because we are the only account in the area.

Commissioner Sneed asked what it would cost to get out of the contract.

Chairman Wooten stated he asked BFI to bring some figures. He also suggested the committee develop some ideas on how to best work on the situation and bring those ideas back to the Board within 30 days.

Commissioner Phillips questioned the committee selection and that they should be knowledgeable on this issue.

Mr. Niland stated the committee could be made up of Ken Larking, himself, a small business owner and staff members. The committee would give updates on their suggestions.

The Board discussed including Boonville, East Bend and Jonesville.

Chairman Wooten informed the Board that the communication system was hit by lightening, but it has been fixed and is running again

The Board discussed the Scattered Site Housing Program.

Chairman Wooten discussed sending a letter to DOT regarding Robert Rock Road.

Ms. Vestal stated she would check on the road's status.

Attorney Graham stated the Board may want to think about picking and choosing roads to be moved up on the paving list; doing for one could cause to do for others.

The Board discussed the Starmount waterline and the NC Revolving Loan.

The Board discussed the waterline to Advantage Machinery.

Mr. Niland stated the Board needs to decide on hook-ups, assessments and whether or not hook-ups will be mandatory.

Commissioner Phillips discussed Catawba County's water system and suggested the Board review it.

Chairman Wooten discussed the agreement with Yadkinville and the need for common rate schedules.

The Board discussed well diggings and permits.

Commissioner Sneed reviewed the rezoning for Jerry Bryant on Hayfield Road.

Closed Session

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to go in closed session per G.S 143.318-11(a)(4)(6). Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner comments

Chairman Wooten inquired if the Board wanted to advertise for a permanent manager.

Commissioner Phillips stated it would be too soon. She suggested the new Board hire a permanent manager.

Commissioner Swaim suggested Mr. Niland review the contract with BEPCO.

Commissioner Phillip suggested touring the Sara Lee building.

Adjournment

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Melinda Vestal, CMC
Clerk to the Board